

**HOSTS OF THE RICE ROOT-KNOT NEMATODE  
MELOIDOGYNE GRAMINICOLA.**

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**INTRODUCTION:**

Meloidogyne graminicola Golden & Birchfield 1965, the rice root-knot nematode, is a pest of international importance to rice crops around the world. In India and Vietnam, yields of rice crops infected with this nematode have been reduced 17-65% (3). The United States produces 20% of the rice traded on the world market, and it has been estimated that approximately 13,500 acres are under production in the Everglades area of Florida (3).

The rice root-knot nematode was first detected in 1963 on the Louisiana State University Farm at Baton Rouge. In the United States, this nematode had been known to occur only in Louisiana and Texas until, in 1984, it was found on the grounds of the Southeast Georgia Experiment Station in Midville, Georgia (4). Although M. graminicola is not, at this time, known to occur in Florida, it could threaten Florida's rice industry if it ever becomes established in the state. This host list is published as a survey tool to assist with detection and delimiting activities in the event that M. graminicola is ever found on a Florida rice farm.

**SURVEY AND DETECTION:**

Roots of suspect host plants should be inspected for abnormal lumps and swellings and, along with a pint (if possible) of adherent soil, be submitted to a nematology laboratory for diagnosis. A statement, asking that the sample be checked for M. graminicola, should be included.

**HOST PLANTS OF MELOIDOGYNE GRAMINICOLA:**

<u>Abelmoschus esculentus</u> (L.) Moench. (= <u>Hibiscus esculentus</u> L.)	okra
<u>Ageratum conyzoides</u> L.	ageratum
<u>Alopecurus carolinianus</u> Walt.	foxtail grass
<u>Amaranthus viridis</u> L.	amaranth
<u>Ammannia pentandra</u> Roxb.	no common name
<u>Andropogon</u> sp.	beard grass
<u>Avena sativa</u> L.	oats
<u>Blumea</u> sp.	no common name
<u>Borreria hispida</u> (L.) K. Schum.	no common name
<u>Brachiaria mutica</u> (Forsk.) Stapf	para grass
<u>Brachiaria ramosa</u> (L.) Stapf	brown top millet
<u>Brassica juncea</u> (L.) Czerniak	mustard
<u>Brassica oleracea</u> L. Botrytis group	cauliflower
<u>Brassica oleracea</u> , Capitata group	cabbage
<u>Catharanthus roseus</u> (L.) G. Don ( <u>Vinca rosea</u> L.)	Madagascar periwinkle
<u>Centella asiatica</u> (L.) Urban	coinwort

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Colocasia esculenta (L.) Schott .....taro  
Commelina benghalensis L. ....day flower  
Corchorus capsularis L. ....jute  
Courtosia cyperoides Nees. ....no common name  
Cucumis sativus L. ....cucumber  
Cymbopogon citratus (DC.) Stapf .....lemon grass  
Cynodon dactylon (L.) Pers. ....Bermuda grass  
Cyperus brevifolis (Rottb.) Hassk. ....sedge  
Cyperus compressus L. ....sedge  
Cyperus iria L. ....sedge  
Cyperus pilosus Vahl .....sedge  
Cyperus procerus Rottb. ....sedge  
Cyperus pulcherimus Willd. ex Kunth .....sedge  
Cyperus rotundus L. ....nutgrass, purple nutsedge  
Desmodium triflorum (L.) DC. ....beggarweed  
Digitaria longiflora (Retz.) Pers. ....crab grass  
Digitaria sanguinalis (L.) Scop. ....crab grass  
 (published as Paspalum sanguinala)  
Echinochloa colonum (L.) Link (published as barnyard grass) .....jungle-rice  
Echinochloa crusgalli (L.) Beauv. ....barnyard grass  
Eclipta prostrata (L.) L. (=Eclipta alba (L.) Hassk.) .....no common name  
Eleusine coracana (L.) Gaertn. ....finger millet  
Eleusine indica (L.) Gaertn. ....goose grass  
Eragrostis gangetica (Roxb.) Steud. ....slimflower love grass  
Eragrostis plumosa Link .....love grass  
Euphorbia hirta L. ....hairy spurge  
Fimbristylis miliacea (L.) Vahl .....no common name  
Fimbristylis podocarpa Nees .....no common name  
Fuirena glomerata Lam. ....umbrella grass  
Glycine max (L.) Merrill .....soybean  
Gnaphalium purpureum L. ....cudweed  
Grangea maderaspatana Poir. ....no common name  
 (published as Grangea madraspatensis Poir.)  
Hedyotis diffusa Willd. ....no common name  
 (published as Gldenlandia diffusa)  
Herminium sp. (published as Monorchis vaginalis) .....orchid  
Impatiens balsamina L. ....balsam  
Imperata cylindrica (L.) Beauv. ....cogon grass  
Lactuca sativa L. ....lettuce  
Leersia hexandra Sw. ....cut grass  
Leucas lavendulaefolia J. E. Smith .....no common name  
 (published as Leucas linifolia Spreng)  
Ludwigia repens J. R. Forst. ....water primrose  
 (published as Jussiaea repens L.)  
Lycopersicon esculentum Mill. ....tomato  
Murdannia nudiflora (L.) Brenan .....no common name  
 (published as Murdannia malabarica (L.) Bruek.)  
Musa sp. ....banana  
Oplismenus compositus (L.) Beauv. ....wood grass  
Oryza sativa L. ....rice  
Oxalis corniculata L. ....wood sorrel  
Panicum miliare Lam. ....witch grass  
Panicum miliaceum L. ....broom-corn millet  
Panicum repens L. (published as Panicum paludosum) .....torpedo grass  
Paspalum scrobiculatum L. ....no common name

<u>Pennisetum americanum</u> (L.) K. Schum. ....	pearl millet
<u>Pennisetum pedicillatum</u> L. ....	no common name
<u>Petunia</u> sp. ....	petunia
<u>Phaseolus vulgaris</u> L. ....	common bean
<u>Phlox drummondii</u> Hook. ....	annual phlox
<u>Phyllanthus urinaria</u> L. ....	leaf-flower
<u>Pisum sativum</u> L. ....	garden pea
<u>Poa annua</u> L. ....	annual bluegrass
<u>Portulaca oleracea</u> L. ....	purslane
<u>Ranunculus pusillus</u> Poir. ....	lesser spearwort
<u>Rungia parviflora</u> Nees ....	no common name
<u>Saccharum officianale</u> L. ....	sugarcane
<u>Sacciolepis indica</u> (L.) Chase ....	India cupscale
<u>Scirpus articulatus</u> L. ....	bulrush
<u>Scoparia dulcis</u> L. ....	goat weed
<u>Setaria italica</u> (L.) Beauv. ....	common millet
<u>Solanum melongena</u> L. ....	egg plant
<u>Solanum nigrum</u> L. ....	black nightshade
<u>Solanum sisymbriifolium</u> ....	sticky nightshade
<u>Solanum tuberosum</u> L. ....	Irish potato
<u>Sorghum</u> sp. ....	sorghum
<u>Sorghum bicolor</u> (L.) Moench (= <u>Sorghum vulgare</u> Pers.) ....	sorghum
<u>Sphaeranthus africanus</u> L. ....	no common name
(published as <u>Sphaeranthus senegalensis</u> )	
<u>Sphenoclea zeylandica</u> Gaertn. ....	no common name
<u>Spinacea oleracea</u> L. ....	spinach
<u>Stellaria media</u> (L.) Cyrillo ....	common chickweed
<u>Triticum aestivum</u> L. ....	wheat
<u>Urena lobata</u> L. ....	Caesar weed
<u>Vandellia</u> sp. ....	no common name
<u>Vernonia cinerea</u> (L.) Less ....	ironweed
<u>Vicia faba</u> L. ....	broad bean
<u>Vigna mungo</u> (L.) Heppner (= <u>Phaseolus mungo</u> L.) ....	black gram
<u>Vigna radiata</u> (L.) Wilcz. (= <u>Phaseolus aureus</u> Roxb.) ....	mung bean
<u>Vigna unguiculata</u> (L.) Walp. ....	cowpea
<u>Zea mays</u> L. ....	corn

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Fig. 1. Amaranthus viridis

Fig. 2. Portulacca oleracea

Figs. 1 and 2. Common weed hosts of Meloidogyne graminicola.

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